## OBSERVATIONS SUBJECT TO WHICH MR. B. NARASINGA RAO, A MEMBER OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE MYSORE VILLAGE PANCHAYET BILL HAS SIGNED THE REPORT.

I sign this Report subject to the following observations:—

I still adhere to the views expressed by me at the time the Bill was introduced into the Legislative Council, *viz.*, unsuitability of forcing a Panchayet on every village and the compulsory levy of unpopular house tax. Further the placing of these Village Panchayets under the rule and dictatorship of Government Officers, officializing the rural administration of local affairs, is, in my humble opinion a retrograde step striking at the foundation of Local Self Government. No institution, which is intended to be functioned by a non-official body, such as Municipalities, Local Boards, and of Dharmadarsies will be able to achieve any substantial result if they are kept under the thumb of local officers specially Amildars whose meddlesome interference with the functions of the honorary workers has damped their enthusiasm in functioning their duties fearlessly.

The Bill has received consideration at the hands of the Select Committee. I regret I was not able to be present at the last sitting owing to pressure of other business and lost the advantage of discussing the last few sections in the Committee.

Some minor alterations and amendments which I consider necessary will be moved by me when the Bill comes up for consideration.

15-12-25.

B. NARASINGA RAO.

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*Notification No.* 3437, *dated 5th January* 1926.

A meeting of the Mysore Legislative Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Public Offices, Bangalore, commencing at 12 noon on Tuesday the 23rd February 1926.

By Order,
R. RANGA RAO,
*Secretary, Legislative Council.*